Michael Alster
Kagin's

1979

Enjoyed chatting with you at the ANA, and appreciate your suggestion that I write you about my want list in half-cents.

I am a collector of half-cents by variety and sub-variety, including the errors and oddities which seem to abound in the series. My needs are as follows:

I. Specific Want list – (attached)

II. Finest or 2nd Finest Knowns. I have a condition census example of virtually every variety and sub-variety. However, only a handful are "Finest Known," and I recognize the incompleteness of information that is implicit in that term. So any specimens that are Finest Known, or nearly so, might upgrade mine and would be of interest to me. However, if four or five better specimens are known than one you have, it is likely that one of the better ones is already in my collection. And, of course, I am only talking about varieties where the term "FK" is meaningful, not those in which many mint state examples exist.

III Errors or Freaks Here there is a gradation of interest. Most interesting are half-cents struck over unusual and identifiable under-types (I have one on a cut-down coin-turned-piece for a 1795 half-dollar, identifiable Shelton

variety large cents, etc.) flip-over double strikes, brockages, etc.

Of more moderate interest are the more usual off-center strikes, double-strikes with only slight distance between the strikes, etc. I also have a few electros and altered coins, etc.

In this Category III condition is of little or no consequence, and a low-grade error is as interesting as a higher-grade one as long as the variety and nature of the oddity are adequately identifiable.

I have bought coins from Kagin's in the past, most recently in the 1977 ANA auction. Hope you have something for me.

Tett

R. Tettenhorst
P.O. Box 9252
Richmond Hts, Mo. 63117

1000 Ins. Exchange Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

RARE COINS & PAPER MONEY

J.J.
TEA PARTY
BOSTON

51 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass. 02108 phone 617-482-2398 or 617-542-0023

05-13-85

Dear Sir,

I'm writing you at the behest of Jules Reiver, a gentleman with whom we've done business with for many years.

I called him last week about some 1/2¢ pieces that we had just recently purchased. He told me that you might be interested in an 1825 C-2; Breen 2 in what appears to be in State I with partial recutting still visible in the words HALF CENT. The coin grades EF-40 and is priced at $149.00.

J.J.
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If the piece does interest you, please feel free to contact us at our toll-free number (800) 343-6412 and we can discuss the piece.

Also enclosed you'll find one of our approval applications. If approval service appeals to you, please fill out the enclosed and we'll process it ASAP.

I'm sure that Jules will give us a recommendation if you'd care to contact him.

Thank you,

Mike Comey

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MEMBER ANA,
ANS, CNA, NENA

BERTRAM M. COHEN
PRESIDENT

August 25, 1982

Mr. R. Tettenhort
Box 9252
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Dear Mr. Tettenhort,

I was talking to Myles Gerson and he told me to drop you a line.

I had a customer come to me at A.N.A. who is interested in acquiring a type set of U.S. coins in Gem quality - preferably MS 65 or better if it can be acquired -- or MS 60 if not.

At present I am trying to acquire the copper cents and half cents for him and I am wondering if you have any that you wish to sell.

He did buy from me at the ANA an MS 60 - 1793 Wreath cent and a MS 67 - 1814 Cent.

Do you happen to have any GEM 1/2¢ or other type coins for sale?

He is also trying to put together an MS 65 Silver Dollar set -- but he is very fussy with these particular coins.

Look forward to hearing from you by return mail.

Very truly yours,

GREAT AMERICAN COIN CO.

Bertram M. Cohen
President

bc/bp
encl - SASE

11/8/82

Dear Bert

Please accept my apologies for being so slow to answer you. Have had an unusual bunch of non-numismatic things going on.

I rarely sell coins, and in fact do not have my duplicates organized and checked for die states, etc. sufficiently to determine which ones are really available. I'm planning to do that some day. However, I don't think this is a favorable time for selling, so it is not a high-priority activity at this time. Perhaps by 1985 or so.

Yes, I do have a number of MS65 duplicates, which I will some day dispose of, although I prefer to trade them only for other high condition census half-cents which would upgrade my variety. As an example, I have a duplicate MS65 1793 with a reasonable amount of red. Unless I can trade it for one or more ½¢'s of equal value & rarity, I will or may some day sell it for a price in or near six figures, — but now is not the time.

Thanks for writing me. Tell

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MEMBER ANA,
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BERTRAM M. COHEN
PRESIDENT

October 19, 1982

Mr. R. Tettenhort
Box 9252
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Dear Mr. Tettenhort,

I wrote you on August 25th as follows:

" I was talking to Myles Gerson and he told me to drop you a line.

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Chances are you have been very busy and that is why I have not received a reply. Look forward to hearing from you further.

Very truly yours,

GREAT AMERICAN COIN CO.

Bertram M. Cohen
President

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MEMBER ANA,
ANS, CNA, NENA

BERTRAM M. COHEN
PRESIDENT

November 15, 1982

Mr. R. Tettenhort
Box 9252
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Dear Mr. Tettenhort,

Thank you for your letter of November 8th.

I am pleased to see that you have some outstanding half cents. Maybe if my client doesn't find them by 1985 we will be fortunate enough to obtain them from you at that time.

If at any time you decide to sell any please do let us know since we are looking for the following half cents -

Flowing Hair	1793
Liberty Cap	1794 to 97
Draped Bust	1800 1808

All in MS 65 condition.

Do keep well and keep in touch.

Very truly yours,

GREAT AMERICAN COIN CO.

Bertram M. Cohen
President

bc/bp

EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.
501 NORTH BROADWAY, P. O. BOX 14020, ST. LOUIS, MO 63178

BERNARD EDISON

June 11, 1990

Mr. Jerry Cohen
Jerry Cohen Corporation
9465 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 519
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Dear Jerry:

Thanks for the information on the Milne poem. In that price range, I am glad I didn't buy it.

I do not have a duplicate 1856 that is available. There are at least two different reverses for proof 1856s. The $2,900 price you mention seems low. It must have been of mediocre quality. In general, good quality (Pf 63) seem to have been selling in the $4,000 to $5,000 range, and gems as high as $8,000 to $10,000. This holds true for most of the circulation dates in the 1830s and 1850s. Slabbing appears to have hit proof half cents along with other categories.

Sincerely,

Bernard Edison

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JERRY COHEN
CORPORATION
professional numismatist

June 4, 1990

Mr. Bernard Edison
501 North Broadway
P O B 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Bunny:

Thanks very much for your call and sorry that I wasn't here to chat with you.

Superior is having your frame crated and it will be in your hands in the not too distant future. I found out this morning that the Milne frame was purchased by a local dealer who had an open order from a client to purchase it. Even though I ran all the way to the $7500.00 price range I couldn't have bought it and it's too bad. If anything is in their next Manuscript Sale chances are that you'll find something that will be a good substitute.

I have a question: Amongst your duplicates I realize you don't have an 1809/6 but what of the possibilities of having an 1856 Proof Half Cent? I noticed that there was one in the auction that sold for about $2900.00 or in that price range. Do you have another that is available? I'd appreciate if you'll let me know. I'm putting a Half Cent collection together for a gentleman and he's down to just a few in Brown-Unc. stuff like 1803, 1803/7, 1808 and even an 1849; other than that he has all the other dates from 1800 on.

Have to run: Best wishes.

Sincerely,

JERRY COHEN
JC:hp

9465 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD SUITE 519 BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90212 TELEPHONE 213/271-4281
FAX NO. 213/288-0794

from the desk of . . .

MYLES GERSON

Dear Bert —

Thanks for Check - No there is no better!
I used to collect all varieties of all 1/c
but have decided to only keep a Choice group
of early dates, color set of early, color set of
late dates & a super blm set by date of
late dates so I am despising of some
800 uncs coins almost done at this writing —
I only have the following to go —

1794	S 43	50+ lowly coin		$ 3250
1798	S 157	65		$ 16000
1801	S 216	60+	cc 1	$ 5000
1802	S 234	65	cc 3	$ 7500
1802	S 237	65	cc 2	$ 8500
1803	S 249	60+	cc 2	$ 5500
1807	S 271	60+	cc 2/3	$ 5500

If any interest let me know —

Best

Myles

Weekend

11/27/91

Dear Mr. Tetterhorst,

I have been a member of EAC since 1978 and have never had an opportunity to attend an EAC convention.

Now that the annual meeting is set to be held here in St. Louis I am looking forward to attending my first convention.

Since I live in St. Louis (County) and you made a request in PW for volunteers to help at the convention I would like to offer my services if you are still in need of help.

If you wish you may call me at home at 569-1176 to discuss your needs.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

Michael Levin

Ted,

It has been sometime since I sent you my 1808 half-cent. I was wondering if you ever received it? If you haven't please call me.

I am not going to be able to make EAC this year. I was really looking forward to it, however work comes first.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you for your help,

Jim Roecker

Tett,

Was pleased to hear from you. As I said earlier the more I look at this coin the more I believe it is struck slightly off-center. It is still an interesting coin. Your opinion on it will be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Jim

Mr. Tettenhorst

I briefly talked to you in Chicago about a possible broad-struck half-cent. I finally located the dealer and I just received the coin. If you would like to see it just drop me a short note and I will be happy to send it to you. I don't know much about errors but I purchased it anyway. To me it looks upon a closer examination as if it is off-center, however it is hard to tell (for me that is). Look forward to hearing from you.

Jim Roecker

[redacted]

2/7/86
"Sure send it"

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

November 5, 1990

Dr. Wesley A. Russell, II
403 South Center
Shelbina, MO 63468

Dear Wes:

As you can tell, I am not very prompt about returning correspondence. This is in response to your letter dated June 3. I would be glad to show you some of my half cents.

If you would let me know in advance the next time you are planning to come to a show here, I will see if we can make our schedules mesh.

It isn't practical to take the whole collection out of the safe deposit box at the same time, so try to give me some indication of your particular interest. For example, would you like to see eighteenth century half cents, errors, rare varieties, draped bust, or a scattering?

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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403 SOUTH CENTER
SHELBINA, MISSOURI 63468

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6/3/90

Dear Mr. Tettenhorst,

I was pleased to receive your letter and the accompanying article about the 1854 Half Cent. I was surprised when I saw the results of the X-Ray spectroscopy. I am sure you were quite excited to discover that you had a tone pattern, that is apparently unique. It is only fitting that it should rest in such a fine collection as yours. Sometime, perhaps when there is a show in St. Louis, I would consider it a privelage if you could show me your half cent collection.

My own set, though small might be of some interest to you and I would enjoy hearing your comments concerning it. I try to attend the two shows which are held at the Airport Marriott each year. The community I live in is approximately 150 miles northwest of St. Louis and thus it is an all day affair for me to attend a show there.

I do receive price lists from Tom Reynolds, Chris McCawley, and occasionly from Jim McGingan. I have bought half cents and large cents from all of them. Both Tom and Jim have, on occasion, represented me at auctions. Anyway, I am going to have to close this letter off as it is time to leave for church and I have a Sunday School class to teach.

Best Regards,

Wes

Dear Mr. Tetterhorst,

Sorry to have taken so long to write. I checked through my entire New Jersey collection and I found that the Edison pin I sold you is the only one that I have. I checked around with a few other people who collect Jersey pins and they say that they have only seen the name pin, but a picture pin probably exists. I'll keep my eyes open and if I come across one, I'll let you know. Sorry to disappoint you.

Jim

J. SAKOL

July 27 1990

Dear Tell.

Just a little note to thank you for sharing your insights and opinion on the 1829 1/2 ¢.

I really appreciated the conversation we had on the comparison with your proof 1/2 ¢'s.

Good work too on the J-15-5.

I enjoyed reading your discord on this pattern. Sincerely John Sundt

11-7-84

Dear Jett,

Thanks now for your reply on the 1804 C-6, well I can tell that this C-6 is the (absolute final die state!) and the final series of proggessions on the 1804-C-6 pcs.

If you have Cohen book look on pg #38 final die state, the rev. of my coin is absolutely the same and as far as I know there is no other, at last not yet discovered?

It is my opinion that the Rarity should be at last an R-#3, because if there out there, they sure are drying up on the market, I've only seen (2) nice MS 60 pcs in 20 yrs of traveling of the final die state, even in the lower grades they are disappearing slowly people are getting wise to the Variety.

So if you want it remit $82 - and I'll flash it down the pike grade of coin is F-18+/25 super nice rev, with all die cracks etc.

Sincerely, In Christ!
Raymond

Wrote us on 12/24

Raymond Smith
Box 32145
Euclid, Ohio 44132

answered 8/19 : Thanks for check & comments. Would not be first thing I missed. Have you seen or heard of another with same die state?

RO TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 9252
Richmond Heights, Missouri 63117

July 30, 1984

Dear Raymond,

I'm really sorry but this 1806 does not seem to me to have been struck from a shattered die. It seems to be just a weak strike, which is quite common for this variety. So I would appreciate it if you would send me a refund.

Thank you for sending it to me.

Tett

Sorry to not agree with you Tett, but the break in the ribbon is definitely off center to the degree that it couldn't be just a weak strike, if it were just a weak strike then the ribbon would line up! you missed it!
Raymond

10-15-84

Dear Jett,

Just to let you know the following coin is for sale, which is out of my own collection 1804 ½ ¢ C-6 VF-18+/20 R-3+ Final Die State this coin has fairly nice original color obv has a small Initial letter I in left field in back of ribbon, the Rev is choice, and you can see all the die breaks very clearly, with no problem Rev at all, I have #4 in my collection, also there have been some vaurtions in these final die states that are very small in progressions. If you desire this pce please let me know within 2 to 3 wks or so Price #82 —

Sincerely,

Raymond

SMITH — COPPERHEAD
POBox 32145
EUCLID, OHIO 44132

1804 type – c/s: "S P" on obv. center – fair to good
1804 cross 4, stems – AG/G – holed – "+XT" scratched on obv. field
1804 plain – c/s on obv: "CFF/3" – AG
1806 small 6, stemless – c/s on obv: "EE" – G
1825 c/s on obv. w/ "AF&M monogram – Masonic? – VG
1826 c/s on obv: "16" – F

1828 13 stars c/s on obv: "PM" – AG
1828 13 stars c/s on obv: "F.C" – F
1828 13 stars c/s twice on obv & once on rev: "JG" – F
1828 12 stars c/s on obv: "C.C" – VF
1828 13 stars c/s on obv: "WT" – VF
1833 c/s on obv: "S.T" – VF
1834 c/s on obv: "J.W.M" (doubled) – G/VG
1851 c/s on obv: "SP" – XF
1851 c/s on rev obv: "G.HOYT" – holed – AG
1854 c/s on obv. field bracketing Liberty: "M S" – F/VF

Stanley L Steinberg
P. O. Box 512
Malden, Mass. 02148
3 Jan '83

Dear Mr. Tettenhorst,
The above, 16 counterstamped halves, only are in

Dear Tetty,

You may have the lot for $2.00. The Kennick piece is at 22.50, but I'll close it out for you at $2.25. It is a very rare piece & the only one I've seen.

Best regards,

Stan

P.S. Hold the Kennick piece until I hear from you.

Stanley L. Shoulberg
P. O. Box 512
Malden, Mass. 02148

24 Feb 83

Dear R.T.,

Your bug arrived too late for 3 of the (4), but I'm sending the 4th (enclosed). Send me a check for what you think is fair for the 4 the other 2 45. Best regards,

Stan

1804 type – c/s: "S P" on obv. center – fair to good
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1854 c/s on obv. field bracketing liberty: "M S" – F/VF

Stanley L. Steinberg
P.O. Box 512
Malden, Mass. 02148
3 Jan '83

Dear Mr. Tettenhorst, ~~counterstamped~~
The above 16 half cents are in my current stock. Send your bids in on the items of interest. Enter to left in margin.
Sincerely,
Stan Steinberg 1/15/83

Stan: Thanks for the note. Three different bids. Your choice
A) $8 apiece for as many as you want to sell at that price.
or B) $200 for all sixteen as a lot
or C) $175 for any fifteen (in case one happens to be high-priced)
also interested in #76 PR Kenrick, Archbishop, but have no idea of value. Can you give me some indication?
Happy New Year
Tett

KENNETH A. WILSON
7001 N 50 W.
W. LAFAYETTE, IN 47906

1-24-83

Dear Ted--

I received your card before I got my P.W. Sure hope it comes today. I became interested in coronet cents for a few years ago, have around 150 L.C. and 15-½ C. so I too am concentrating more on the ½ ¢ C/S's. They are a lot more scarce than the L.C. like C/S with full name bring the better prices, those with name and location or trade are over in demand especially by token collector and early collectors over with initials lower, and #'s only are cheap The grade does make a differen also the scarce dates run up the price. A 1794-½C with Cline in Fine cost me 70.00 —
a 1834 ½¢ with 5 in VF at 9.00
got one from Bowers & Ruby last Month a 1835 ½ they graded the coin VF & graded the stamp. V.F. that new to me, it was a O+U "80.00 It is possibly a stamp used on. ~~Token~~. trade tokens

There is a lack of such publications on C/S's. There have been some information and listings in some older Newsletters the A.N.A. publications. If you have any way to get a copy of back issues. Try

Countermarked L.C's By Maurice Fould. (July 1947)(Nov-51)

Merchant
↑ Countersigned on Silver coins by " (Feb. 1962)

Counterstamped U.S. L.C. Ken Hollenbeck A.N.A. (17797) ?

I have some letters of inquiry out so when I can let you know later if I have any success a local E.A.C. in John Ashby here of Chalfonts, also collects L.C. ERRORS I am not so sure if he is into C/S too. He is a traveling dealer and has found most of mine. I will see him in March and find out what I can.

If you see any C/S L.C. with name or initials in good shape you might pick up for me.

Our Club here has 4 shows a year then our Ind. show in June. so I may be able to

helps for in sending Cards.

Hope I have helped you some

Sincerely

Jay

Ken: Saw your ad in PW. I have also begun collecting half-cents counterstamped and would enjoy exchanging information, at least.

For example: What are fair prices? Does grade matter much? Are there "rare" C/S's? Is there any literature on these?

If there is anything you are particularly interested in and I can help you, let me know. I also collect error and crack half-cents. No large cents. Tell

Jan. '85 C6 G5 G4 5.51 g = 85.0 gr
answered 1/27/85

1795 Half Cent Plain edge no pole

This half cent was cut from a Talbot, Allum, & Lee Cent. On the obverse side you can see most of '& LEE' and also 'ORK' from the words New York. In the U.S. Coin book it shows pictures of both 1794 and 1795 tokens). Only the 1794 token has New York ~~across~~ below Talbot, Allum, & Lee. So this half cent was cut from a 1794 token.

Benny, this coin was graded VG 8 but I don't think it is in that good of shape because the date is hard to read, maybe good.

We will call you this weekend. Thanks for looking at the coin.

Robin